

**Biography of
Gilbert Herrera, Chief Deputy
Emergency Operations**



Gil Herrera has been a member of the Los Angeles County Fire Department for the past 30 years, and has been appointed to the position of Chief Deputy, Emergency Operations as of April 1, 2004.

Commencing his career as a fire fighter in 1974, Chief Herrera's wide range of experience includes emergency fire and medical response, fire prevention, and command and control. He has served in various management positions, and was promoted to Deputy Chief of the North Region Operations Bureau in 2002 when the Department's reorganization was implemented. He has been instrumental in continuing to sustain and strengthen the Department's relationship with the various stakeholders of Santa Clarita, Palmdale, Lancaster, La Canada Flintridge, and unincorporated LA County in the North Region. During the fire siege of October, 2003, Chief Herrera distinguished himself in his position as agency administrator in the Verdale and Simi fires.

Chief Herrera will be responsible for the executive management of four operations bureaus within the Department, including the three regional bureaus (North, East, and Central) as well as Special Operations. Our operations personnel respond to over 264,000 emergency incidents annually, and interact with over 3.8 million residents in 57 cities and all of unincorporated LA County.

Chief Herrera lives with his family in Arcadia, and is an instrument-rated pilot who enjoys spending some of his spare time in the skies of Southern California.